

PITTSBURG / BAY POINT

PLANNING Since 1996 BART has been collaborating with the City of Pittsburg and Contra Costa County on the creation of a transit-oriented development Specific Plan for the Pittsburg/Bay Point BART Station.

In June 2002, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors certified the environmental document, selected the staff recommendation, adopted appropriate zoning and land use designations, and filed a Notice of Determination. It is anticipated that the City of Pittsburg will make similar findings in the near future.

BART and CCTA completed a feasibility study in 2003 that looked at a rapid transit extension eastward from Pittsburg/Bay Point to Byron. The study recommended the development of a system that utilized a diesel light rail technology operating on an existing freight right-of-way. Once funding is secured, BART will initiate Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Review of the project. Money for the project, known as eBART, is included in the county sales tax measure and Regional Measure 2 (Bridge Toll increase).

DEVELOPMENT BART is pursuing acquisition of 3.45-acres for surface parking adjacent to the existing parking lot. Grant funds have been secured to acquire the property and construct a surface parking lot, and the BART Board environmentally cleared the surface parking development in May 2002. Negotiations with the property's owners are on-going.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS The Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (Tri-Delta) has received funding through MTC's Regional Express Bus Program to increase service along State Route 4 from Brentwood to the Pittsburg/Bay Point station.

Staff, in partnership with Contra Costa County and City of Pittsburg, completed installation of a station pathfinder sign project at the Pittsburg/Bay Point Station. This station has had new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed.

REINVESTMENT This station had new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the station parking lot in 2003 and is scheduled to have the same installed within the station itself in 2005, as part of ongoing station renovation program activities.